

Please do everything you can to allow third-parties (such as Covad) to share cable facilities so they can provide Broadband Internet access. Cable companies are granted monopolies for cable service in a geographical area, and as a result they should not have the normal freedom to limit access to their facilities that non-monopolies have. (Even though they have some competition from other areas, such as satellite and DSL, they still have a monopoly over a critical medium, and should be treated accordingly.) Allowing other companies to strongly compete with cable companies will strengthen the broadband options we have available. (Don't listen when cable companies tell you that being forced to share their cables will remove their incentive to install and upgrade facilities. They will still have lots of financial incentive.)